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 Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100	_____
Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	_____
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	_____
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	_____
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	_____

2. EXCESS CLAIM FEESFee Description

Each claim over 20 or, for Reissues, each claim over 20 and more than in the original patent

Each independent claim over 3 or, for Reissues, each independent claim more than in the original patent

Multiple dependent claims

<u>Total Claims</u>	<u>Extra Claims</u>		<u>Fee (\$)</u>	<u>Fee Paid (\$)</u>	<u>Multiple Dependent Claims</u>		<u>Small Entity Fee (\$)</u>
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PATENT APPLICATION

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MICHAEL LANDIS, et al.

Group Art Unit: 2821

Application No.: 10/705,221

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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR IMPROVED FOCUS RING

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